




STA Public Use Update

Recreation Issues Meeting
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Recreation Issues Meeting

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- **DuPuis**
 - Future Discussion on Potential Rule Changes
 - **Alligator Hunting**
 - The Mowing Cycle
 - **Waterfowl Hunting**
 - Emergent Plants and Hunter Access

DuPuis Rules

Prepare for a future discussion

- DuPuis, allow camping and other public uses during quota hunts
- DuPuis allow frogging

Questions?



STA Alligator Hunting

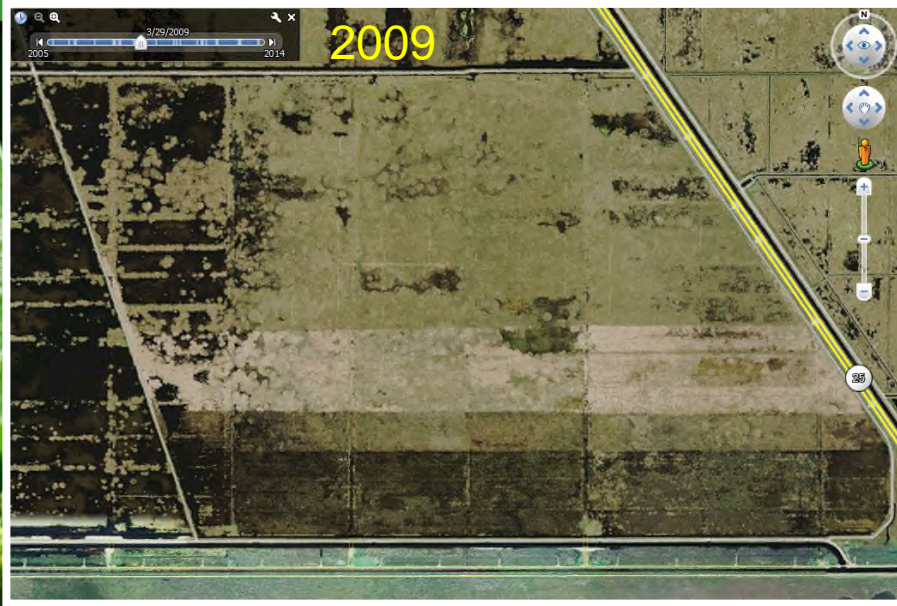
Questions on Mowing for the STAs

- Mowing is accomplished following a route along canals connecting project to project
- Mowers are not trailered
- There are several routes and the time varies
- Timing varies due to weather and growing seasons
- A route could be completed 4 to 5 times per year

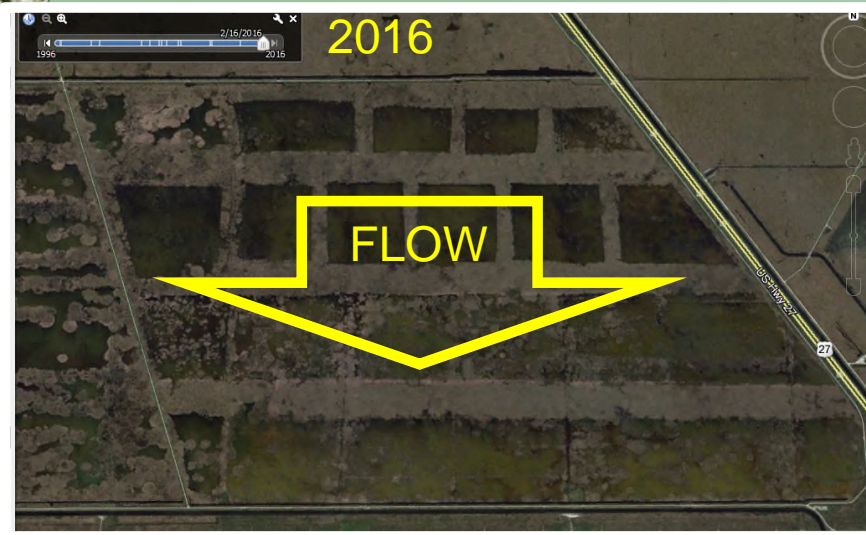


STA Waterfowl Hunting Access

Emergent plants as structure



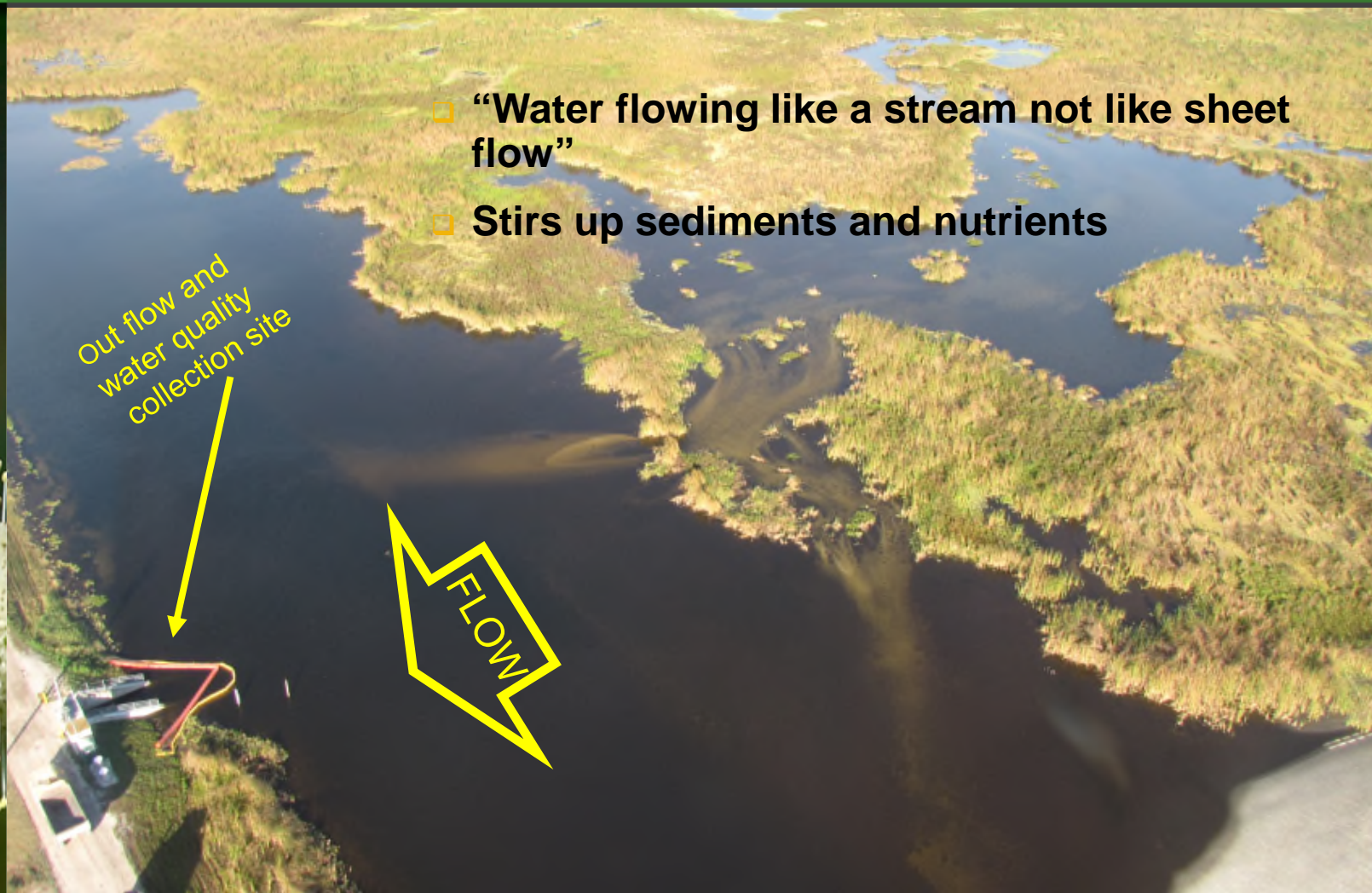
- Use of emergent plants as structure and those changes over the years
 - Slow Wind and Wave Action
 - Protects submerged aquatic plants and levees
 - Formation of Compartments
 - Equal distribution of water by controlling flow
 - SAV containment
 - Minimize streams or short circuits



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Typical short circuit

- “Water flowing like a stream not like sheet flow”
- Stirs up sediments and nutrients



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Short circuits

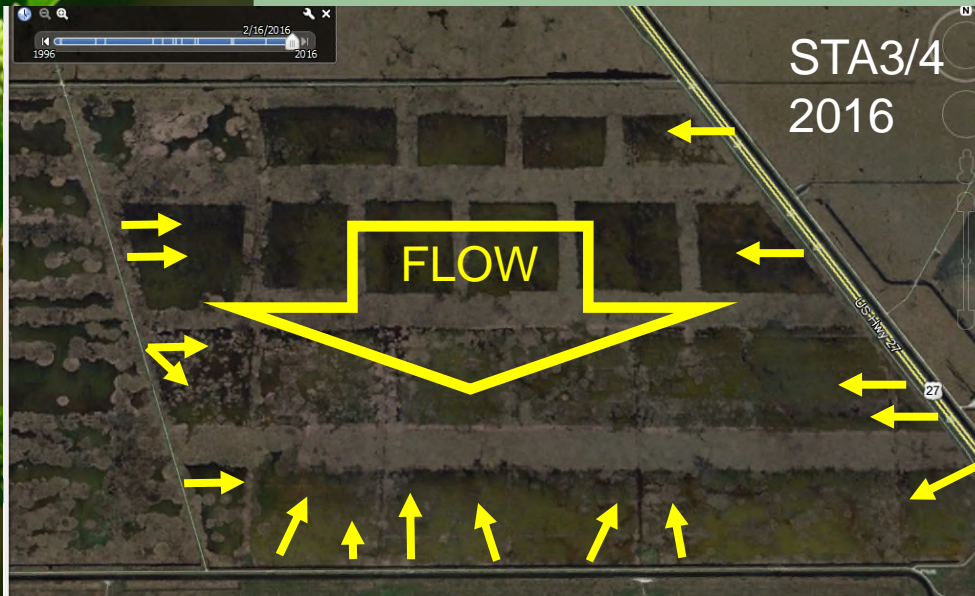
- ❑ STA 3/4 cell 2B
- ❑ Plantings to fill a short circuit
- ❑ Contracted work



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Typical pattern of access

- Currently hunters access through openings in emergent plants
- Using access site parallel to flow contributes to short circuits



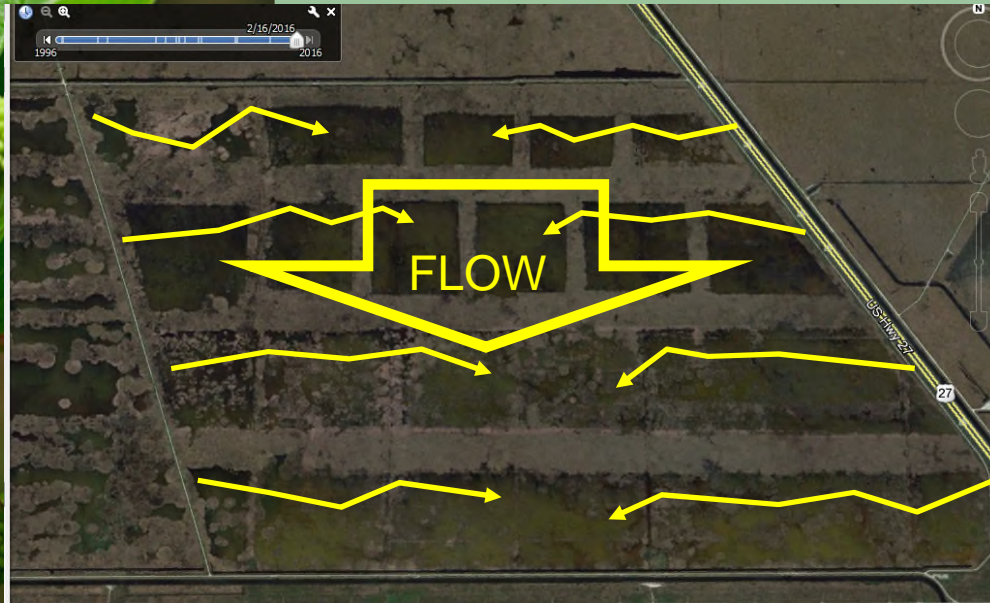
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- **Changes to this year's hunt at STA 3/4 3B**
 - Less access each year
 - 2015 - 32 parking spots for 30 permits
 - 2016 Reduced this hunt from 30 to 25 permits



STA Waterfowl Hunting - future cross flow access

- Transition over two years to using all cross flow access
 - Access more area using interior compartments
 - Parking spots serve multiple hunters
 - Requires hunters to disperse in compartments
 - Farther to paddle in
 - Generally shallow water at levee
 - Avoids water quality collection sites



STA Waterfowl Hunting future cross flow access

- Mark known openings
- between compartments



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Changes to this year's hunt

- STA1W south and STA 3/4 east
 - Added Friday hunts
- STA 2
 - Closed cell 3 for science work
 - Opened cells 2, 8 and expand access in cells 5 and 6
- STA 3/4 west reduced hunt by 5 permits
- STA 5 no changes
- STA 2 and 3/4
 - Begin to transition into cross flow access



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